

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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PURCHASING POWER OF INDIAN RUPEE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during the last few years the purchasing power of Indian rupee has declined alarmingly;
- (b) if so, the average value of the rupee in the years 1991-92, 1996-97 and 2000-01 on the basis of the value of the rupee in year 1980-81 ;
- (c) whether the purchasing power of the rupee varies widely in the various cities of the country; and
- (d) if so, the citywise details of the minimum and maximum purchasing power of rupee during the financial year 1996-97 and 2000-2001?

Answer

Minister of Finance (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a)& (b) The purchasing power of the rupee as measured by the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) declines as the index increases.

The average value of the rupee in the years 1991-92, 1996-97 and 2000-01 with base 1980-81 is listed below:

Value of Rupee (in paise)

1991-92	36.99	
1996-97		23.68
2000-01 (Apr-Jan)	22.52	

(c) & (d) The Consumer price Index for Industrial Workers used for calculating the purchasing power of the rupee is computed for 70 different centres in the country. As prices vary at different cities, the purchasing power of the rupee also varies in these cities.

The purchasing power of the rupee in the major cities of the country in 1996-97 and 2000-01 on base 1982 is listed below.

Purchasing Power of Rupee in major cities

Base 1982=100 (in paise)

	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Calcutta
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1996-97

Apr	29.76	28.01	29.33	30.40
Jun	29.33	27.32	27.47	29.50
Oct	27.40	26.95	27.25	28.09
Jan	27.47	26.25	26.46	28.99
Mar	27.10	26.11	26.67	28.90

2000-01

Apr	19.34	19.96	21.14	23.04
Jul	19.23	19.49	21.01	22.73
Oct	19.16	19.49	20.58	20.66
Jan	19.49	19.34	20.88	21.93